

SENATE BILL 3615

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 2 and Title 63, Chapter 3, relative to
orthotic and prosthetic care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-201, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Credentialed individual" means anyone:

(A) Certified through the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics (ABC) or the Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification (BOC) as an orthotist or prosthetist; and

(B) With at least ten (10) years of patient care experience in orthotics or prosthetics, who does not meet all qualifications for licensure under § 63-3-202;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-208, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) In accordance with ABC and BOC policies, a credentialed individual may provide patient care while working under the indirect supervision of a licensed orthotist or prosthetist, based on written objective criteria. This written objective criteria must include certification, education, experience, and any additional structure or mechanism, determined by the rules and regulations of the board, detailing how the credentialed individual gained the necessary knowledge and skills to provide the agreed patient care. The care provided shall not exceed the credentialed individual's scope of practice within the individual's certification. Indirect supervision requires that the licensed orthotist or prosthetist be available for consultation throughout the patient care process, either in the office or by real-time communication, including, but not limited to, Skype, Facetime or

the telephone as appropriate; and that patient notes are counter-signed by the licensed orthotist or prosthetist. The licensed orthotist or prosthetist shall review the results of care and the documentation of services rendered by the certified individual, and is responsible for countersigning within fifteen (15) days all entries by the certified individuals in the patient's clinical record. The licensed orthotist or prosthetist is responsible for all services that a certified individual is privileged to provide.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.